AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A method for searching in a multimedia signal, wherein the multimedia signal includes at least a first data format component and a second data format component, the method comprising:

receiving a search parameter;

analyzing the first data format component of the multimedia signal to identify occurrences of the search parameter; and

for at least one occurrence of the search parameter in the first data component, presenting a corresponding second data format segment of the multimedia signal.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the first data format component is a closed caption component, and wherein the second data format component is an audio component.

21. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the corresponding second data format segment is a section of the audio component that begins and ends within a predetermined period of time before and after the occurrence of the search parameter in the closed caption component.

22. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the first data format component is a closed caption component, and wherein the second data format component is a video component.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the corresponding second data format segment is a section of the video component that begins and ends within a predetermined period of time before and after the occurrence of the search parameter in the closed caption component.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein the corresponding second data format segment is a still image from the video component that is present at the occurrence of the search parameter in the closed caption component.

25. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the first data format component is an audio component, and wherein the second data format component is a video component.

26. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the formats of the first data format component and the second data format component are selected from the group consisting of:

text data;

closed caption data;

audio data;

speech data; and

video data.

27. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the step of receiving a search parameter further comprises:

receiving the search parameter in a third data format; and

converting the search parameter from the third format to the first format.

28. (New) The method of claim 27 wherein the format of the third data format component and the first data format component are selected from the group consisting of:

text data;

closed caption data;

audio data;

speech data; and

video data.

29. (New) A method for processing data in a multimedia signal, comprising:

analyzing a first data format component of the multimedia signal to identify occurrences of a search parameter; and

for at least one occurrence of the search parameter in the first data component, identifying a corresponding segment of a second data format component in the multimedia signal.

30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the second data format component is a video component, and

further comprising:

displaying the segment of the video component to a user.

31. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the segment of the video component is a single image.

32. (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the segment of the video component is a video clip of predetermined length that corresponds to an occurrence of the search parameter in the first data component.

33. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the first data format component is an audio component, and further comprising:

receiving the search parameter in a text format; and

converting the search parameter to an audio data format prior to analyzing the multimedia signal.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein the converting step is performed using a text-to-speech converter.

35. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the first data format component is a text component, and further comprising:

receiving the search parameter in an audio format; and

converting the search parameter to a text data format prior to analyzing the multimedia signal.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein the converting step is performed using a speech-to-text converter.